

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A key ring comprising

A key-holding ring having a cross sectional span

a band,

a D-ring coupling said band to said key-holding ring,

said D-ring having a U-shaped portion engaging the key-holding ring and a bar having bar ends between the U ends of the U-shaped portion of length corresponding to the distance between the U ends and engaging the band over substantially the entire length of the bar formed with a gap intermediate the U ends of gap width about that of said cross-sectional span to allow said key-holding ring to pass through said gap into said D-ring during assembly.

2. (currently amended) A key ring in accordance with claim 1 wherein the band is a web of material having band ends looped through the D-ring and joined at said band ends.

3. (currently amended) A key ring in accordance with claim 2 and further comprising a clamp at the band ends of said web of material.

4. (original) A key ring in accordance with claim 2 wherein the web has portions that are fastened together for most of their length to define an opening accommodating the bar of the D-ring so that the D-ring may rotate about the axis of the bar through an angle of nearly 360 degrees and the key-holding ring may ride along the inside portion of the U-shaped portion of the

D-ring about an axis perpendicular to the axis of the bar and perpendicular to the band for substantially 180 degrees.

5. (original) A key ring in accordance with claim 3 wherein the clamp width is substantially the same as the width of the band.

6. (currently amended) A key ring in accordance with claim 1 where said key-holding ring is a spiral ring ~~of material having a cross-sectional span with ends and said bar is formed with a gap intermediate said ends of width about that of said span to allow said key holding ring to pass through said gap into said D-ring during assembly.~~

7.-10. (canceled)

11. (currently amended) A method of making a key ring that includes a key-holding ring ~~that is a spiral ring of material~~ having a cross-sectional span, a band, a D-ring coupling said band to said key-holding ring and having a U-shaped portion engaging the key-holding ring and a bar having bar ends between the U ends of the U-shaped portion of length corresponding to the distance between the U ends formed with a gap intermediate said bar ends of gap width about that of said cross-sectioned span to allow said key-holding ring to pass through said gap into said D-ring during assembly, comprising,

passing the key-holding ring through the gap into the D-ring,

~~and~~ passing the band through the D-ring about the bar so that opposed portions of the band may be fastened together for most of the length of the band,  
and fastening the opposed portions together.